

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for the storage, display and dispensing of tickets, said apparatus comprising:
 - (a) a drawer for storing a plurality of series connected tickets, said drawer including a dispensing end, and an opposite end;
 - (b) a ticket dispensing assembly located at the dispensing end of said drawer comprising a ticket dispensing slot, said slot including an upper guide portion and a lower guide portion through which said tickets are dispensed;
 - (c) at least one ticket holding bin in said drawer including:
 - i. a floor
 - ii. a front wall behind the ticket dispensing slot
 - ii. a rear wall
 - iii. two sidewalls, and
 - (d) at least one resilient tension arm to provide sufficient tension on the tickets being dispensed through said slot for controlling the tickets during separation thereof.
2. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said drawer holds a plurality of said ticket holding bins.
3. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said drawer includes at least four said ticket holding bins.
4. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one tension arm comprises a generally concaved longitudinal axis and an outer edge such that

said outer edge is positioned so as to engage said tickets relative to said upper guide portion of the dispensing slot.

5. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein a plurality of said tension arms provide sufficient tension on the tickets being dispensed through said slot to provide control of said tickets during separation thereof.

6. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein at least three of said tension arms are removably attached to the front wall of each of said ticket holding bins.

7. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein the upper guide portion of the dispensing slot curves downwardly toward the exit of the dispensing slot to form a bulge facing toward the tickets and each said at least one tension arm curves upwardly toward the exit of the dispensing slot whereby the upper guide portion of the dispensing slot and each of said plurality of tension arms assists in guiding the tickets through the dispensing slot.

8. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one tension arm is formed of a flexible material such that the tension arm temporarily deflects as said tickets are dispensed and allows tickets of varying thicknesses to pass through said dispensing slot.

9. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the drawer has at least two protruding side edges for attaching said drawer to a drawer housing.

10. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein a directing means is located in said opposite end and said tickets are trained around said directing means.

11. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the drawer further comprises a lock whereby the drawer is securable to a drawer housing.

12. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one tension arm extends from a tension arm assembly and said tension arm assembly comprises means for associating said tension arm with said at least one bin front wall.

13. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein a plurality of tension arms extend from said tension arm assembly.

14. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein said means for associating said tension arm with said front wall includes:

- (a) an elongated portion with an attachment slot having spaced apart side walls that frictionally engage the front wall of the at least one bin; and
- (b) said at least one tension arm extends from said elongated portion.

15. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein the attachment slot is narrower than the at least one bin front wall such that the side walls of the slot grip said at least one bin front wall.

16. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein a plurality of said tension arms extend from said elongated portion of said frictionally engaged tension arm assembly.

17. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 14, wherein at least three of said tension arms extend from said elongated portion of said frictionally engaged tension arm assembly.

18. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein said tension arm assembly and said tension arm are formed of one piece injection molded acetal.

19. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 12, further comprising a plurality of said tension arm assemblies wherein each of said plurality of said tension arm assemblies is removably attached to one of said ticket holding bin front walls.

20. A dispensing apparatus as recited in claim 19, wherein the number of said tension arm assemblies equals the number of said ticket holding bin front walls.